

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, May 20, 2019. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Economic Development Director, David Maley and Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Boron. On the wall to the left are agendas if you wish to follow the meeting. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Mike Gregg, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 7 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Councilwoman Cunningham and Councilman Chovan from tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call.

7 yes to excuse Councilman Chovan and Councilwoman Cunningham

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Councilman Chovan and Councilwoman Cunningham have been excused.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN IRWIN

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN IRWIN

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I apologize. We do have a young man, Jonah Hoffner, from Troop #933 working on one of his badges, joining us tonight.

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, they are.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 67 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to transfer Parcel No. 614523, a vacant lot located on North Avenue N.W., Massillon, Ohio, from the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon, Ohio (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. We're going to get a little more information on this before we bring it forward. So, first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 67 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 68 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 68 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with "Here for You" Child Development Center, located at 101 Tremont Avenue S.E., Massillon, Ohio, to provide an economic development grant to cover costs for property improvements, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 68 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 69 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 69 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with JD Real Estate, located at 215 Erie Street N., Massillon, Ohio, to provide an

economic development grant to cover the cost of replacing the sidewalk, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. I haven't heard anything on this, but, as far as anything negative, but we're still going to give it first reading and we'll probably be acting on it on second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 69 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 70 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 70 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement to transfer hospital equipment items to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon, Ohio (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes, thank you, Madam President. Unless there's some reasons why not, I intend to move this forward tonight. We've been talking about the hospital stuff for a long, long time and this is just fore equipment that we're getting rid of. Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 70 – 2019 forward for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 70 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 71 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 71 – 2019

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of road right of way and easements for Westbrook Estates, Phase 5A subdivision, Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 71 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 72 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 72 – 2019

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 72 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 73 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 73 – 2019

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 73 – 2019 has received first reading.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

The Repository - \$ 1,006.40 Publication of March Ordinances

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call.

7 yes to pay the bills

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Auditor's Report - March 2019

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we accept the Auditor's Report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call.

7 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The Auditor's Report has been accepted.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be next Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. It's something that I've been considering; I think we might give it a try. I'm asking for anybody to comment, if you want to wait, call me on the phone or whatever, but I've been asked to give some time for people to ask questions and have some discussion at the Committee Meetings. So, I thought about maybe allowing, at the end of the meeting, ten or fifteen minutes to listen a little bit. It'll be ten or fifteen minutes; we're not going to spend all night hashing something out. That's what I'm considering for next Tuesday's Committee meeting. If anybody wants to comment now, fine, or give a call or whatever.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Are you suggesting an open forum with the galley?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. Just ten or fifteen minutes; just like we basically do on item No. 17 on the agenda. It'll be the same thing without getting into a of deep discussion. Maybe we can answer some questions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Whereas under No. 17 they don't get to ask questions?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – If something comes that comes up on individual committees and you want to bring it in, fine. Bring in whoever you want for your committee session, but I'm just talking about general and to see how it works once. If it doesn't work, we'll do it a time or two and then we'll not do it anymore.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Any other comments?

12. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBER

13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

14. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 59 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1151.02 of the Massillon Code of 1985 rezoning a certain tract of land from R-1 One-Family Residential to O-1 Office, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 59 – 2019 has received second reading. Ord. No. 60 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 60 – 2019

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE AND BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 557.08(a) of CHAPTER 557 – “WEEDS AND TREES” of PART FIVE, GENERAL OFFENCES CODE of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. We’re going to have second reading this evening. There’s been a few council folks that have indicated that they would like to have some additional discussion. I will ask does anyone want to have that discussion this evening or would you like to keep it for Work Session next week?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. I’d prefer to talk it over at the Committee Meeting, but I do have, I’ve been looking into it some more and I have probably even more questions now than what I had last week when we talked about it. And I’ve been going around town with my tape measure, checking grass and stuff.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Okay. We’ll go with second reading this evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 60 – 2019 has received second reading.

16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

17. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

LEE BRUNKHART – I live at 343 Korman Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio. Councilman Irwin is my councilman and this is kind of for you, but anybody could give me an answer, which would be great. On April 17, 2019, I have made a public request to Mr. Porrini. I said “I’m making a public request for all grants issued by the City of Massillon, both public and private and made to business charities, both profit and non-profit for the years 2012 to 2019. The information that I am requesting about these grants are as follows: Name of the recipient, such as name, business, charity. Is the recipient a business or a charity and is it for-profit, non-profit? Name of the grant filer, the year the grant was issued, the amount of the grant, the grant requirements and did the recipient of the grant comply with all requirements? And if not, which requirements did they fail and was there any actions taken against the recipient? And then I

gave an example such as; Name of recipient, Acme Organization of Hope. Business or charity? Charity non-profit, grant filer, Mr. Smith, year issued 2015, amount \$5,000. Requirements must show receipts and recognize the City and all publications for the year 2015. The compliance, Acme of Hope only submitted \$4,000 in receipts and the City required Acme to refund the remaining \$1,000. I received a reply from Mr. Porrini on April 23rd; "Which that I'm responding to your records request to the City of Massillon, we do not keep the exact records that you have requested. I'm sure the following will suffice", and then he e-mailed me basically all the CDBG monies for the years that I requested, but it's really general, like, city housing programs and target street program and downtown street program. Grants are something that I'm familiar with. There's an application filled out. Someone must fill that application out. There's always requirements for that grant and there's always a check-up on that grant to see if those requirements were met. When I went on to the City's open line checkbook, and I just want to know the CDBG money because that's what he sent me, I very quickly found names like West Stark Family Service, Faith in Action, North Star Asphalt, Boys & Girls Club of Massillon, Victorian Reflections, Sugar Bowl and even tonight, we're giving out grant money to somebody else, Mr. Doll I think it was. So, we do keep these records and these records are here. So, to my councilman, I would just like to know if I could just simply obtain the simple public information that I asked for? Maybe I requested it improperly, if you just find out for me and get back with me, I would just greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Brunkhart. Is there anyone else from the audience that wishes to address Council?

LARRY DELUCA – Hi, Madam President and all of City Council members and President Pro Tem, Mr. Manson, I appreciate it. I live at 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio. I want to talk about a couple of things. First, I want to talk about the VA that's supposedly coming in and they've set the boxes at this point. All the boxes are coming in checked, but there's still a way to go. I'm talking about Dave Maley, Economic Director, who's a friend of mine and I talk to him every time he calls me back on the phone. So, I appreciate that, Dave, and with due respect, I got to do this. And I just want to have a passion for this and I'm going to do it. As far as the VA, I found some things and there's many more. If anybody would go onto their computer like I did, I was up in Cleveland and so I come back. Just a few short things. February 22, 2019, the VA Medical Center in the bottom 10% of agency hospitals. February 22, 2019, Washington Post, a doctor tells the truth about the VA health system; the news that more than half of the states have facilities that have a secret waiting list, I don't know if you know that, but I don't know if I have a secret waiting list when I see my doctor; I hope not. Also, Jennifer Griffith reports that many veterans know this and they choose to get their health care other ways which would be the Medicare and stuff like that. And they say the place to go to the VA, Dave, is prescriptions, lab tests and just a few other things. Otherwise, they're going to go to the other thing. Other examples about the VA, it may have killed more than 1,000 veterans. That was Curt Devine, CNN. Now, that's been a ways back. And I looked about that, Dave. They said fraudulent scheduling, budget management, insufficient oversight and lack of accountability. I'm all for getting the building filled up. I know the Mayor wants to get the building filled up. I know Dave wants to get it filled up because we need to get it done. It's really costing and bleeding us really bad. Friendly fire, one of the things said. Death, delaying, dismay at the VA. That was about years ago, he was a senator but he also was a physician. Couldn't get an appointment for nine months. I'm just hitting on a few of these things; there's a lot. The fact that 20 veterans a day take their own life; over 7,000 a year. Two-thirds of the veteran's suicide are by veterans not receiving health care from the VA and I'm talking about the Cleveland VA. I called them up. The Cleveland VA Medical Center

services 110,000 veterans and that's part of this Northeast Ohio corridor. A couple more, I'll just finish with this e-mail here; when Sunville, April 30, 2019, I insist on having all of my Rx done outside the VA. I don't trust them; 90% of the people that work there. I have Medicaid. Dave, do you know how many some of these doctors have of a caseload of veterans? My dad is an ex-veteran. I have friends here in Massillon that are veterans. They have 250,000+ caseload. I don't think they had that at Affinity Medical Center over here. I know they had 875 employees they could got with 250. I'm thinking about the debotco with what we got as to not having a hospital and we don't have a hospital. We have an ER and I'm not so sure it's that and what don't want to be doing is throwing into the VA with all this kind of stuff that's coming out. Here's another one; you've got to be joking. Have a 9:00 a.m. appointment to get an injection at the Cleveland VA, that checked in for at 8:30 a.m. An hour and a half, ten minutes later, they come out and say a nurse has got to go for pills. It's going to be 11:30 a.m. later. They had another nurse come in to make a call for me to pick up and come back and give the shots. I'm about done with these games. I have a job. I'm a full-time student. I'm a volunteer among other responsibilities, yet they expect me to waste my time the entire day, every two weeks to go through this. And then there was some other review; but it was a good review, good review. Reviewed Cleveland VA Center December 2019. I took my 83-year old dad to the Cleveland VA on 09/25 whatever it was, 2018. All of our appointments were on time, in fact, one took us 15 minutes early. I especially want to thank the escort team, I never knew they had an escort team, I want to thank them. They were so thorough and had a great sense of humor and the rest of the doctors and staff. But I guess in summation for this VA thing, I even got the thing that was going on that Andrea gave me; it's a full page 16 thing about what we can do or not. Why don't we go head-to-head and get a hospital in that thing? What are we going to do Dave? What are they going to do with this VA Medical Center? I read the stipulations, I have them here what Aultman agreed to. You told me over the phone what Aultman agreed to whatever they want to. Now you're telling me that what we had in this thing that Andrea had that Aultman says okay, it's now okay. Are we wheeling and dealing? Is this "Price is Right" in Massillon or are we the Eye of the Tiger? I just can't even get to some other things tonight except the Streetscape needs to be safety scape and I will talk about that. One final thing, I was driving, I had breakfast with my dad. I said, dad, lets go. Went up to the McDonald's in Navarre. I come back, I thought it was the City of Massillon, but, by God, it's not the City of Massillon. It was the ODOT. He had a roll bar on his tractor cutting grass. Dave, do you know what a roll bar is? It's one of those big things that go over and I'm saying to myself, we got to have safety scape before Streetscape in this town and we got to watch what we're doing because we really don't have an emergency room, I don't even know what it is in Massillon that we have and I don't want the VA, I want to get somebody in there, but, I want us to read what's going on and do our due diligence with this. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Deluca. Is there anyone else from the audience that would like to come forward and address Council?

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN IRWIN – I make a motion that we adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT

